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REMARKS

Claims 3-7 and 9-14 are pending, with claim being independent. Claims 1 and 2 are cancelled by this amendment without prejudice or waiver.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-7 and 9-14 contain allowable subject matter.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 1-7 and 9-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Specifically, the Office Action states that, with respect to claim 1, it is unclear what is meant by "connected to recess...." Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled and claim 3 has been made amended to make claim 3 an independent claim by incorporating the features of claim 1. Claim 3 has been amended to recite "connected to the recess..." to make the claim definite. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 112, second paragraph rejection of independent claim 3 and its dependent claims 4-7 and 9-14.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejection

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Zaiser et al. (4,601,104). Applicant has canceled claim 1 and amended claim 3 to make claim 3 an independent claim that incorporates the features of now canceled claim 1. As indicated in the Office Action, claim 3 contains allowable subject matter. Thus, the rejection of claim 1 is rendered moot.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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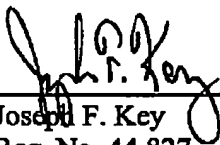
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Respectfully submitted,

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